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JAMAICAN NATIONALS PLEAD GUILTY TO NARCOTICS CHARGES

Tampa, Florida - United States Attorney A. Brian Albritton today announced that five Jamaican nationals extradited to the United States in July 2008 to face narcotics charges have pleaded guilty. Robroy Williams (also known as "Spy"), age 51, Norris Nembhard (also known as "Dido"), age 53, Glenford Williams (also known as "Toe"), age 55, Vivian Dalley (also known as "Jungo"), age 49, and Herbert Henry (also known as "Scary"), age 46, pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy to import more than 5 kilograms of cocaine and more than 1000 kilograms of marijuana into the United States. Robroy Williams also pleaded guilty to a charge of conspiring to possess with intent to distribute more than 5 kilograms of cocaine while aboard a vessel subject to the jurisdiction of the United States. Henry and Nembhard pleaded guilty on December 29, 2008. Dalley pleaded guilty on December 16, 2008, and Robroy Williams and Glenford Williams pleaded guilty on January 8, 2009. The minimum penalties the defendants face are terms of imprisonment of 10 years, and they may be sentenced to terms of life imprisonment.

According to the court documents, Jamaica serves as a transshipment point for cocaine from Colombia to the United States. Robroy Williams and Nembhard negotiated to accept delivery in Jamaica of loads of cocaine from 600 to 1000 kilograms, which were delivered by go-fast vessels. Small quantities of cocaine from these loads were sold in Jamaica, with larger quantities going to the United States, by air or sea, often through the

Bahamas. While in Jamaica, the cocaine, as well as large amounts of marijuana and hash oil, was stored in rural stash houses controlled by Robroy Williams and maintained by co-defendant Glenford Williams and Ivan Kenneth Huggins, who was sentenced in 2006. The go-fast vessels landed at various beach locations in Jamaica, including Negril and Montego Bay. To insure safe delivery of the cocaine, Robroy Williams and Nembhard paid members of the Jamaican Constabulary Force, including co-defendant Herbert Henry, to provide security and transportation. Couriers and money changers, including co-defendant Vivian Dalley, returned drug proceeds to Colombia via Jamaica or Panama.

The case is part of "Operation Panama Express" and investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and local law enforcement officers in Jamaica. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kelley C. Howard-Allen and Special Assistant United States Attorney Jeffrey Miller.